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Miscellaneous Correspondence
Relating Primarily to Building
Construction Alterations & Inspections,
1935-1937.

Changes - Omission Insert Molding Room

Changes in Ingot Melting Room

James D. Owens,
U.S.Mint, Denver.

Denver, Colorado
April 2, 1936.

F.J. Kirchhoff Construction Co.,
700 Lawrence St.,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

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2. New six inch tile partition and wainscote indicated, from hatchway to west wall, first floor to mezzanine floor, and new partition from the new six inch tile partition extending north to south corridor wall and door No. 105.
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4. New light switch required on plan CW-1-460. All other work indicated on plan in connection with removing Makeup and Refiner's vault, lining etc. to be performed as per plans and specifications.

In lieu of the work listed above to be

omitted, kindly render us your figure as a charge for -

1. Repairing plaster, pointing and painting the east face of partition indicated on plan extending from center column to the south corridor wall, first floor to mezzanine floor.
2. Also include your figure for new four inch tile partition extending from center column north to doorway at elevator hatch, from first floor to mezzanine. Your figure to include plastering and painting of these new four inch partitions - all to be performed after the M & R Vault and lining is removed and the conditions definitely known.

Your early attention to this matter will greatly oblige,

Very truly yours,

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Space Allotment
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Denver, Colorado, U. S. Mint.

Owens.
U. S. Mint, Denver.

Denver, Colorado.
March 7, 1938.

Supervising Engineer,
Public Works Branch,
Procurement Division.

Sir:

Complying with instructions contained in your Radiogram of March 5, for additional copies of all correspondence relative to stairway and Ingot Melting Room changes, at the U. S. Mint, Denver, Colorado,

Herewith is copy of my transmittal, dated 2/1/38. Also copy of a letter from Mr. Mark A. Skinner, Superintendent Mint, and Memo. from Mr. White, Machinery Supt. requesting the changes outlined and indicated on sketches attached.

Very truly yours,

James D. Owens

Construction Engineer.

Transmitting Letter
Space Allotment & Changes

Denver, Colo. U. S. Mint Addition.

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Owens,
U. S. Mint, Denver.

Denver, Colo.
Feb. 1st, 1936.

Supervising Engineer,
Public Works Branch,
Procurement Division,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In reference to remodeling and re-arrange-
ments of U. S. Mint, Denver, Colo.

Herewith is a letter from Mr. M. A. Skinner,
Superintendent, requesting the omission of certain proposed
work, as indicated on Architect's drawing No.1-4 in the
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tor's Office.

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from Mr. M. H. White, Machinery Superintendent, appears self-
explanatory and may be followed in detail.

However, herewith is a print indicating the
location in question. The omission being noted in red.
The removal of the M & R Vault, Vault Entrance and new floor
in the vault area to be performed as per contract.

With Mr. Skinner's objections to the re-arrang-
ments being entirely substantial and justifiable, and in as
much as the Make Up and Transfer room will have ample space
for their activities.

I recommend omission of the proposed work
with the exception of the removing Vault, Entrance, and adjusting
the floors.
Credit to be taken for items indicated in red on sketch,
finishes, painting and new switch shown on CW-1-460.

Your consideration and early decision on
the matter will greatly expedite the work in that area as
the vault removal and door transfer can be made at an
early date.

Respectfully submitted,

James D. Owens,

Construction Engineer.

Transmitting Letter,
Space Allotment & Changes*

Denver, Colo. U.S. Mint Addition.

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Respectfully submitted.

James D. Owens,

Construction Engineer.

January 21, 1936.

Mr. James D. Owens
Construction Engineer
in Charge of Operations
Denver, Colorado

Dear Sir:

I desire to call your attention to a serious change in the Ingot Melting room, as shown on plans No.1-4, wherein the space now being used by the topping, grinding and finishing machines is to be allocated to the Make-Up and Transfer room and allot to the Ingot Melting room a strip $3\frac{1}{2}'$ x 56' on the north end of this room where these machines are to be relocated. This is a very serious and undesirable change as it places these machines right up against the furnaces where the men operating them will have to stand their full shift under excessive heat conditions. This additional room, which is to be allotted to the Make-Up and Transfer room, is in no sense needed in that department.

This change also makes necessary the cutting of a door from this space into the north or main corridor, which alterations add considerably to the cost of construction and accomplish no desired result, but are detrimental to the successful operations of the Ingot Melting room.

Upon her last visit to this institution, the Director of the Mint, Mrs. Nellie Tayloe Ross, was very emphatic and insistent that under no circumstances must these men be compelled

To work under such conditions and instructed us to see that this change was not made.

The additional space which will be provided by the removal of M & R Vault "G" to the Make-Up and Transfer room will provide ample space for these activities, inasmuch as during our regular operations this room is only used a very few hours a day and during the maximum overtime operations would probably never be occupied more than eight hours in any 24 hours.

I therefore recommend that with the exception of the removal of Vault "G" in Make-up and Transfer room, that no other changes be made in this department.

Hereto I am enclosing a copy of a letter addressed to me by Superintendent of Building and Machinery, Mr. Marshall H. White, which goes more into detail regarding this recommendation.

Respectfully,

Mark A. Skinner
Mark A. Skinner, Superintendent.

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United States Mint Service

Denver, Colorado, January 20, 1936.

Mr. Mark A. Skinner,
Superintendent
United States Mint
Denver, Colo.

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Dear Sir:-

In accordance with drawings No.1-4 first floor, it is proposed to take ~~the old Superintendent of Melting and Refining Office~~ ^{part of the space -}, that is now occupied by the Ingot Melting Room - ^{which} ~~this~~ is the only available space for the cleaning, tapping, filing and grinding of ingots, all these machines are housed in this room, which has a floor area of 350 square feet. It is proposed to take a little more than two-thirds of this space for Melters and Refiners Clerks, marked on drawings No.1-4 computer's Office; in return for this space taken for Ingot Melting Room it is proposed to give the Ingot Room a strip of $3\frac{1}{2}' \times 36'$ or 216 square feet on the northwest end of Ingot Room. This space will be entirely too small for the efficient operation of these machines. It will be so close to the furnaces they will crowd the men on the furnaces and the men working on machines, and when emergency work and over-time is necessary to increase the output of ingots, it will be necessary to have more men to operate machines and perform the same work and it will be a question as to whether the workmen can stand this heat when crowded together in this narrow space.

To make all these changes it will require a new tile partition $26' \times 14'$ on north side of Ingot Room, cut a new door in north corridor and it will have to be framed with marble and new door. (This door is now shown on drawing No.1-4 as now in place. In October 1916 this room was made a part of Ingot Melting Room - the door opening into North Corridor was closed and is now closed.) The last visit made by the Director of the Mint to this institution she insisted that this room should not be changed; she did not want the workmen to have to work in such crowded conditions, and heat.

I would recommend that no change be made in this room. The additional space required for Make-Up Room is now under contract; this requires the removal of Make-up Vault - the door and vestibule will be relocated in the addition in the Rolling Room Strip Vault.

OK.
The Director desired to have space now occupied by Make-up Vault to be finished for the use of Melter Clerk; any additional work to be ~~made~~ done which is not under contract can be performed by Mint force. These changes will make a big saving in labor and material.

Respectfully,

Signed - Marshall H. White,
Superintendent of Machinery.

RADIOGRAM

Denver, Colorado
March 12, 1936.

Supervising Engineer,
Public Works Branch,
Procurement Division,
Washington, D. C.

Correspondence relative changes in Ingot Melting Room
and Computers Office forwarded Air Mail March seventh.
Advise what is to be done about new drive way and platform.
See my letter February fifteenth. Your wire to me February
fourteenth. Work delayed. Answer.

James D. Owens
Construction Engineer.

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March 12 - 36

Supervising Engineer,
Public Works Branch,
Procurement Division,
Washington, D. C.

Correspondence relative changes
in Ingot Melting Room and
Computers Office forwarded
air mail - March - 7 -

~~Please answer immediately
my wire March 7th re relative
Power Service from Cabinet to
new Switch Board.~~

Advise what is to be done about
new drive way and platform.
See my letter Feb 15th - your
wire to me - Feb Fourteenth.
Work delayed, Answer.

James D. Owens

Construction Eng.

Washington, D. C.,

1:15 P. M. March 11, 1936.

Construction Engineer Owen,

U. S. Mint, Denver,

Your letter 6th., forwarding copies certain correspondence letters, relative changes partitions in Ingot Melt Room and Computers Office not received ---Stop--- Forward other Copies.

G. R. Roberts.

PW-SE-6-B

Credit - \$188.82

*Partition in Machinery
Supt Office -*

James D. Owens
U.S.Mint, Denver.

Denver, Colorado,

April 24, 1936.

Supervising Engineer,
Procurement Division,
Public Works Branch,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In reference to the contract with F.J.Kirchoff Construction Co. for remodeling and extending of the U. S. Mint in Denver, Colorado, and in compliance with Item No. 5 of Office Letter to District Engineer, Collier, dated March 27, 1936, to obtain Contractor's proposal for the omission of a new 6" tile wall specified to be installed north and south across Superintendent of Machinery Room, second floor of the old building, all as indicated on architectural plan No. 1-6.

Contained herewith is the Contractor's proposal in the amount of \$188.82 for the omission of the work mentioned above. The plans failed to provide baseboard and chair rail on each side of this partition, plastering and painting both faces of partition. However, the contractor anticipated having to install these items in order to match adjacent work around the adjoining rooms.

A check of Contractor's proposal as itemized, reveals it to be a fair and reasonable price for what was required by the plans.

In the omission of this new tile wall partition, the Mint Superintendent is desirous of having the existing wall, indicated to be removed, remain in its present position. He will then assign the scale repair section where file room is now indicated, and the file room where the scale repair was indicated.

The contractor's figure being fair and reasonable for the omission of the work and the omission being necessary for the proper administration of the Mint activities, I hereby recommend that the credit proposal be accepted as a deduction from the contract.

Yours very truly,
James D. Owens

F. J. KIRCHHOFF CONSTRUCTION CO.

SEVENTH AND LAWRENCE STREETS

DENVER, COLORADO

TELEPHONE MAIN 5314

April 23, 1936

Procurement Division
Public Works Branch
Treasury Department
Mr. James D. Owens, Constr. Engineer
U.S. Mint Addition
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

In connection with our contract #T1 PW 2508 for the extension and remodeling of the U.S. Mint, Denver, Colorado, we will allow a credit of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY EIGHT DOLLARS AND EIGHTY TWO CENTS (\$188.82) if the hollow tile partition shown to be erected in the Superintendent of Machinery Office is omitted and the present partition allowed to remain.

We submit herewith a breakdown of our figure for this work:

Deductions:

352 pcs. 6 x 12 x 12 tile @ 108.00	38.02
Labor on 352 pcs. 6 x 12 x 12 tile .06	21.12
Mortar for " " " " " " .01	3.52
Scaffolding for 352 sq. ft. @ .005	1.76
Patch and cut floor	10.00
Remove partition	15.00
Millwork in place	17.50
Plastering 78 yds. @ .75	58.50
Painting 78 yds. @ .30	23.40
	<u>\$188.82</u>

We attach hereto substantiating quotations received from our sub-contractors.

Kindly advise us as soon as possible if you desire the above work omitted.

Yours very truly,

F. J. KIRCHHOFF CONSTRUCTION CO.

GBF:M

By

L. B. Folsom Jr.

COPY

F. J. Kirchhof Construction Co.
700 Lawrence St.
Denver, Colorado

Re: Changes, Supt of Machinery
Office, U.S. Mint, Denver.

Gentlemen:

Omissions:

Omit plastering new tile partition
Supt. of Machinery Office:

78 sq. yds. on masonry	@ .75	\$58.50 ✓
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WALSH BROS.

By J. Walsh

FRANK KIRCHHOF, PRESIDENT

C. F. STAHL, VICE PRESIDENT

LOUIS ANDERSON, SECRETARY

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1232-46 ARAPAHOE STREET
DENVER, COLORADO

April 22, 1936

F. J. Kirchhof Construction Co.,
7th & Lawrence,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Re: U. S. Mint, Denver, Colo.

If wood trim on the dividing
partition between the offices of the
Superintendent of Machinery and Scale
Repair is omitted, deduct Fourteen
Dollars and Forty Cents (\$14.40).

Respectfully yours,

THE AMERICAN FIXTURE COMPANY

By

G. T. Johnson

BTJ/RS

Changes - Omission Ineat Making Room

